



The Honorable William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor (present)
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7 Councilmember (present)

WORK SESSION MINUTES

The Mayor called the Work Session to order at 5:00pm. He asked the Clerk to call the roll and a quorum was present.

1. Retreat

Clara Axam, Clarification & Mediation, Inc., spoke briefly about her facilitation firm and presented her proposal for a City Council retreat on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 9am to 5pm at The Inn at Serenbe. After her presentation, the Mayor and Council asked a few questions and the Mayor thanked Ms. Axam.

2. Ambulance Services

The City Manager gave a brief presentation regarding the current service and asked to hear from Council regarding what areas need improvement, as they work through the contract terms and conditions.

The Mayor's concern is regarding how many times, within the last three years, this contract has been at double zero.

Councilmember Willis expressed concerns regarding response time, the number of available trucks, lack of equipment, and not having dedicated ambulance services for the area.

Councilmember Gumbs expressed concerns regarding the vendor not having proper equipment and a low number of vehicles. She also asked about what kind of strategic plan will be put in place to improve the response times, and lastly she asked to see a cost analysis pertaining to using other providers.

Councilmember Jackson expressed concern regarding the response times.

Mayor Pro Tem Rowell requested a presentation regarding response times from the current provider and for staff to identify other potential providers.

Councilmember Baker requested for improvement in the area of professionalism delivered by the provider and he described a recent incident at the LA Fitness on Old National Highway.

- a. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Willis to request a presentation for the June 27, 2017 Regular Meeting from the Ambulance Services vendor regarding service delivery,**

and to request staff to provide additional vendors who can provide emergency transport services. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Review of the June 13, 2017 Regular Meeting Agenda

A presentation was given regarding health, dental, vision, life and pension benefits and the possibility of a Broker or consultant for the plans. Concerns regarding cost were expressed by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and the Mayor.

- a. A motion was made by Councilmember Willis to move the Medical item to the Consent agenda for approval. (MOTION WITHDRAWN)**
- b. A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell to move the health, dental, vision and life benefits item (Res2017-016), without utilizing a broker, to the Consent Agenda for approval. The motion passed unanimously.**
- c. A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to move the Pension benefits item (Res2017-028) to the Consent Agenda for approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

Councilmember khalid requested staff to look at the Georgia Municipal Associations defined benefit (health) plan for a cost comparison.

- d. A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to move the Legal Organ item (Res2017-024) to the Consent Agenda for approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

The Council agreed to hear the Budget item on the Regular Meeting agenda.

- e. A motion was made by Councilmember Gumbs and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to hold the cable franchise agreement (Comcast) item (Res2017-0026) to the next meeting. The motion passed with Councilmembers Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, Jackson, khalid and Baker voting yea. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell voted nay. The motion passed.**
- f. A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Rowell to move the telephone companies item (Res2017-027) to the Consent Agenda for approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

Attorney Brian Lake presented an overview and explanation for the Ordinances relating to Georgia Power (Ord2017-004), Greystone Power (Ord2017-005), and Cable/Video franchises (Ord2017-006).

Interim City Attorney Josh Belinfante presented an overview and explanation for the Ordinances relating to Taxation (Ord2017-007), including Ad Valorem, Motor Vehicle, Insurance Premiums, Financial Institutions and the Business and Occupation Taxation (Ord2017-008).

The Mayor stressed the need to do everything necessary to position the City to start taking in revenues. Councilmember khalid seconded his interest.

- g. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to request the CFO to do an analysis for a fee structure relating to Occupational**

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taxes and bring the information back to the Council. The motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor announced that the City Council Work Session is recessed at 6:36pm, and the City Council will reconvene for the Regular Meeting at 7:00pm.

4. Other discussion

none

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DIVIDER SHEET



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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

2. Invocation

The Invocation was rendered by Pastor Warren L. Henry, Chaplain and he presented Mayor and Council with an item from the Madison County, AL, Commission Chairman Dale Strong for the care that was rendered to their loved ones.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was recited in unison.

4. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- a. Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, May 23, 2017**

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- b. Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, May 30, 2017
- c. Meeting Minutes – Friday, June 2, 2017
- d. Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, June 6, 2017
- e. Proclamations
 - i. Last of the Lancers Alumni Appreciation Day **(Willis)**
 - ii. General Overseer Dr. Craig L. Oliver, Sr. Appreciation Day **(Edwards)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Baker to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, including items that were moved from the Regular Meeting agenda to the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of the Regular Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Proclamations and Recognitions

none

7. Public Comment

- a. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each and public comment will not exceed 30 minutes. Speakers will not be allowed to yield or donate their time to other speakers.

The following speakers gave public comment:

- **Ms. Vangie Watkins (certified boundary map for the City and concerns relative to the City Council)**
- **Mr. Greg Fann (Employee benefits)**
- **Ms. Charlotte Davis (MARTA routes)**
- **Mr. Harold Reed (zoning resolutions, impact fee structure for new construction/development)**
- **Mr. Roger Davis (accidents on State-controlled roadways)**

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- **Ms. Glenda Collins (Budget, unexpected charges, AT&T telephone 3% fee, does it apply to landlines or cell phones)**
- **Mr. John Ross and Dr. Terchillo (proposed Federal Credit Union)**
- **Mr. Eric Bell (organizer with FC police, back to school event to give out book bags)**
- **Mr. Mike Taylor (Cedar Grove Community Association, Next Door agency to share information)**
- **Mr. Don Winbush (Comprehensive strategic plan - rebirth for the Old National Merchants association)**

8. Business

a. Resolutions

- i. Resolution approving certain contracts for Employee Benefits (Kaiser, BCBS, Aetna, and EyeMed) **(Res2017-016); [APPROVED UPON THE ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA]**
- ii. Resolution adopting defined contribution plan and 457(b) deferred compensation plan **(Res2017-028); [APPROVED UPON THE ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA]**
- iii. Resolution designating the legal organ for the City **(Res2017-024); [APPROVED UPON THE ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA]**
- iv. Resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2017 Final Budget for each fund of the City, appropriating the amounts shown in each fund as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding available, and for various other reasons **(Res2017-025);**

Following the Executive Session, the City Attorney advised that the motions/actions taken in executive session regarding personnel that amended the budget document would be incorporated in the Final Budget documents.

The following actions were taken regarding the Budget:

- A. A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Jackson and khalid to remove \$165,568.00 from the Contingency line item and defer these payments to the Interim City Attorney until the next budget cycle.**

A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell to postpone hiring Council Aides until October. The friendly amendment was not accepted.

Motion A. passed. Councilmembers Gumbs, Gilyard, Jackson, khalid and Baker voted yea. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmember Willis voted no.

- B. A motion was made by Councilmember Gumbs to look at moving the Council Aide positions until the Council nails down the budget. The motion did not receive a second.**

- C. A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell to postpone hiring Council Aides until October. The motion passed unanimously.**

- D. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Willis to reduce the City Manager's office to two staff positions, thereby eliminating the Executive Assistant position. The motion failed for a lack of four affirmative votes. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmember Willis voted yea. Councilmembers**

Gumbs, Gilyard, Jackson, khalid and Baker voted no.

- E. A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson to defund the Assistant to the City Manager position. The motion failed for a lack of a second.
- F. A motion was made by Councilmember khalid to approve the Budget with the cuts made earlier that evening. He withdrew his motion.
- G. A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to change the three full-time Council Aides to seven part-time Council Aides and take effect with the adoption of the Budget (before October), since the scenarios were included in the balanced budget proposal. The motion failed for a lack of four affirmative votes. Councilmembers Gilyard, Jackson and Baker voted yea. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmembers Willis and khalid voted no. Councilmember Gumbs abstained and indicated that bringing the employees on could wait until October. The motion failed for a lack of four votes.

Mayor Pro Tem Rowell requested the Clerk to announce the motions taken in Executive Session regarding Personnel which gave direction to the City Manager and amended the budget figures with respect to personnel-related items.

The following motions were made and approved during executive session:

- 1) A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember khalid to move/separate-out the Mayor's budget/staff person from the City Council budget.*

- 2) A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember khalid to remove \$107,062.70 from the Economic Development line item and create a separate line item for Communications and Marketing.**
- 3) A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Baker to earmark \$35,000.00 for Communications, \$15,000.00 for Marketing (naming/branding, seal, motto), and for the remaining balance from the \$107,062.70 originally slated for Economic Development to be placed into Contingency.**

Continuing in open session:

- H. A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to place the \$165,568.00 earmarked for the City Attorney back into the Contingency line item, since it was included in the balanced budget proposal. The motion passed. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmembers Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, Jackson and Baker voted yea. Councilmember khalid voted no.**
- I. A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember khalid to approve the Budget as amended. The motion passed unanimously.**
- v. Resolution approving a cable television franchise agreement between the City and Comcast of Georgia/Michigan, LP (**Res2017-026**); and,

**[HELD AS REQUESTED DURING THE WORK
SESSION]**

- vi. Resolution authorizing the City to request and accept due compensation from telephone companies operating within City limits **(Res2017-027); [APPROVED UPON THE ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA]**

b. Ordinances

- i. Ordinance granting permission and consent to Georgia Power Company, a Georgia corporation, and its successors, lessees, and assigns, to occupy the streets and public places of the City, in constructing, maintaining, operating, and extending poles, lines, cables, equipment, and other apparatus for transmitting and distributing electricity and for other purposes **(Ord2017-004); [FIRST READING]**
- ii. Ordinance granting permission and consent to Greystone Power Corporation, a Georgia nonprofit electric membership corporation, and its successors, lessees, and assigns, to occupy the streets and public places of the City, in constructing, maintaining, operating, and extending poles, lines, cables, equipment, and other apparatus for transmitting and distributing electricity and for other purposes **(Ord2017-005); [FIRST READING]**
- iii. Ordinance to establish collection of franchise fees applicable to holders of cable and video franchises issued by the State of Georgia **(Ord2017-006); [FIRST READING]**

Attorney Brian Lake presented an overview and explanation for the Ordinances relating to Georgia Power (Ord2017-004), Greystone Power (Ord2017-005), and Cable/Video franchises (Ord2017-006).

It was noted that these items are on the agenda for first reading, with action to be taken at the next meeting.

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- iv. Adoption of Taxation Ordinance **(Ord2017-007); and,**
[FIRST READING]
- v. Adoption of Business and Occupation Taxation Ordinance
(Ord2017-008). [FIRST READING]

Interim City Attorney Josh Belinfante presented an overview and explanation for the Ordinances relating to Taxation (Ord2017-007), including Ad Valorem, Motor Vehicle, Insurance Premiums, Financial Institutions and the Business and Occupation Taxation (Ord2017-008).

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9. Other (New) Business

none

10. Mayor and City Council Comments

All Councilmembers made announcements or statements regarding activities held or upcoming in their respective districts.

11. Executive Session (CLOSED), if necessary

- a. A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to close the meeting for Executive Session concerning Real Estate, Personnel and Litigation. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was closed at 8:08pm.**
- b. In open session, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to close/end the Executive Session. The motion passed. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmembers Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, Jackson and khalid voted yea. Councilmember Baker voted no. The Executive Session ended at 10:25pm.**

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12. Adjournment

Mayor Edwards entertained a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilmember Baker. The meeting adjourned at 11:23pm.

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